

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Sunday 18 Apr 2021 until 23:59 on Monday 19 Apr 2021

Forecast Issued on Sunday 18 Apr 2021 at 03:06 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Generally high but low confidence for Tuesday for timing of weather front bringing low cloud and patchy rain.

Headline for Sunday 18 Apr 2021: Cloudy with patchy light rain. Cold and windy on the tops.

Mountain weather hazards on Sunday 18 Apr 2021

Blizzards

No Likelihood

Gales

Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms

No Likelihood

Heavy Snow

No Likelihood

Severe chill effect

Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain

No Likelihood

Storm force winds

No Likelihood

Poor visibility

Medium Likelihood

Strong sunlight

No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
					
Light rain	Cloudy	Fog	Fog	Fog	Cloudy
Precipitation probability					
40%	60%	50%	40%	40%	30%

Forecast for Sunday 18 Apr 2021

Weather: A cloudy day with outbreaks of mainly light rain or drizzle, perhaps heavy at times over Knoydart and the Cuillins, with a little snow on Munro tops. Driest across Assynt and the far north.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 20-40%. Best chance in the north.

Visibility: Areas of low cloud with bases 500-700m, but patches on lower slopes on the Cuillins. Patchy cloud cover over ranges north of a line from Torridon across to Dingwall. Below the cloud, fairly hazy with distant hills obscured.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)				Wind Direction (blowing from)		
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	39/46 S	34/40 S	29/36 S	22/28 S	17/22 S	17/23 S	18/25 S
900	36/42 S	29/36 S	26/33 S	20/26 S	17/22 S	18/25 S	18/25 S
600	22/29 S	20/27 S	20/26 S	15/21 S	11/16 S	11/18 S	11/18 S
300	3/20 SW	3/20 S	6/23 S	4/18 S	5/15 S	6/17 S	5/16 S
Glen	3/14 SW	5/14 SW	9/18 SW	7/15 SW	5/10 SW	4/9 SE	5/10 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	1/-8	1/-7	2/-5	2/-4	3/-2	2/-3	2/-3
900	1/-6	2/-5	3/-4	3/-2	3/-2	3/-2	3/-2
600	3/-2	4/-1	5/0	5/1	6/2	5/2	5/2
300	6/4	7/6	8/6	8/7	8/6	7/5	7/5
Glen	8/7	9/8	10/8	10/8	10/9	9/8	9/8
Freezing Level*	1900m	2100m	2100m	2100m	2000m	2000m	2000m

*Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

A significant wind chill on the tops, especially in the damp conditions up in the cloud. Gusts of 50mph over the Cuillin ridge in the morning.

Forecast for Monday 19 Apr 2021

Weather: A cloudy start with the odd spot of rain then a mainly dry day with bright or sunny spells. Feeling quite warm on lower slopes. Outbreaks of rain may affect Skye and far western mainland during the day then spreads east in the evening.

Maximum wind: South 25-30mph, gusts 40mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 30% becoming 80% by afternoon.

Visibility: Areas of cloud above 600 or 700m at first, lifting by the afternoon with just summit patches remaining. Good visibility below the cloud. Cloud bases lowering to 500 or 600m in the evening.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 7C rising to 12 to 14C.
At 800m: Plus 3C rising to 7 or 8C.
Freezing level: Above summits.